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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, PFOR, HU

SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF PROFESSOR DEAK

REF: STATE 247570 AND PREVIOUS

FOR ARMITAGE FROM PEDERSEN

1. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS WITH IEX EVEN THOUGH THEY NOT SUCCESSFUL. COULD YOU SEND US COPY OF THEIR FINAL TEXT TO KKI?

2. I HAVE INSTRUCTED EMBASSY PERSONNEL NOT TO GIVE ANY INDICATION TO GOH THAT WE WANTED DIFFERENT COURSE OF ACTION. NOW THAT DECISION MADE WE WANT TO GIVE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR APPROACH TO WORK, EVEN THOUGH WE STILL HAVE SAME FOREBODINGS ABOUT IT.

3. IF KKI OR FONOFF SHOULD NOW APPROACH US ABOUT MATTER WE WILL TAKE FOLLOWING VIEWPOINT.
WE ARE AWARE IREX HAD CABLED KKI AND BELIEVE THEY SHOULD NOW WORK MATTER OUT TOGETHER AS IREX IS PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. EMBASSY HAD ADVISED BOTH KKI AND FONOFF THAT EXPULSION WULD CAUSE REPERCUSSIONS IN US AND SOUGHT INTO ON REASONS FOR IT. ABSENCE OF CONCRETE INFO MADE HIS EXPULSION DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO JUSTIFY. WE SHARE GOH DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND HOPE REPLY WILL BE SUCH AS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS AIM.

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4. THIS APPROACH WILL BOLSTER IREX WITHOUT TYING EMBASSY TO THEIR APPROACH. IT WILL ALSO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE MORE USEFUL LATER IF NECESSARY.

5. PROFESSOR IVAN VOLGYES (NEBRASKA), WHO IS CURRENTLY HERE ON CHRISTMAS VISIT, TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT ACQUAINTANCE IN KKI TOLD HIM DECISION TO EXPEL DEAK WAS APPROVED BY POLITBURO MEMBER GYORGY ACZEL. AS ACZEL IS IDEOLOGICAL HARD-LINER THIS UNDERLINES PROBABILITY DECISION WAS ESSENTIALLY IDEOLOGICAL PARTY ONE RATHER THAN ORDINARY POLICE CASE. DEAK'S CONTACTS WITH GROUP MOST ANATHEMA TO PARTY AT MOMENT EVEN MORE CLEARLY THE CAUSE THAN FROM PREVIOUS INFO. VOLGYES, INCIDENTALLY, VOLUNTEERED TO EMBASSY HE WAS CONCERNED AT HARDLINE POSITION TAKEN BY IREX AND AT POSSIBILITY EXCHANGES OF OTHERS SUCH AS HIMSELF WILL DRY UP AS RESULT. OTHERWISE, VOLGYES WAS GIVEN VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL INFO FROM HIS CONTACTS THAT WE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED, INCLUDING STRESS ON DESIRE TO CONFINE ISSUE TO THE DEAK CASE AND NOT TO REVERSE COURSE OF IMPROVEMENT IN CULTURAL RELATIONS. PEDERSEN

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